



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Please be advised that the Swiss Team, usually on the second Sunday of the month, is scheduled for the first Sunday, May 7th. Other activities for the month include Golden Age Masters Day on the 1st, Pro-Am Swiss Team on the evening of the 25th, along with six Club Championships and several Grass Roots Fund games. Take advantage of the extra points that can be earned at these special games.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

1. Do you know the best way to help the South Bend Bridge Club? It's by increasing our table count. Invite someone new to come and play. Make more games with your regular partners or invite others at the club to play. We all need to roll up our sleeves and figure out how to spread the word about the wonderful game of bridge.



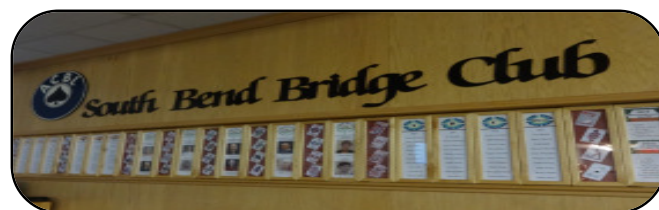
We also are looking for someone to take on the project of advertising our club. ACBL is promoting setting up a Facebook page and has an instructive video to show how to do this. If you have other ideas about how to increase participation in our club, I'd be delighted to hear them.

2. The April 8 Fundraiser raised **\$1602.94!** We thank all of our members who participated in the game and made donations.
3. May 15 is the deadline for registering to vote for a representative from SBBC to Unit 154. See Tricia Killeen for details.
4. What Should I Do if I Find a Scoring Error on the Website:
 - a. Check with the players involved on that board to confirm they agree the score is wrong.
 - b. Send an e-mail to southbendbridgecl@att.net. This will then be forwarded to the appropriate director to make the correction.
 - c. Do this within 72 hours.
5. Make your plans for the upcoming May 25 Pro-Am Swiss Team. We've been granted a special unit championship game so there will be great points awarded. See Joan Tobler for help in putting a team together.
6. Be careful discussing boards after you've played them. We have lots of little pitchers with big ears at the club. Don't let others know the brilliant play you made or which way the finesse worked!
7. Recently a member suggested we provide a guaranteed partner so walk-ins could be accommodated. The Board decided we have such excellent partnership chairpersons in Joan Tobler and Elaine DeLaney that this wasn't needed.
8. We'll be honoring Golden Age Masters Connie Hebron and Joan Fahey on May 1st at the club.

Tricia Killeen, Club Director

STROLL DOWN CELEBRITY LANE

Visit the South Bend Bridge Club Achievement Wall



Next month, on June 24th, the SBBC will be honoring members who have made stellar achievements during the past year. Our Celebrity Wall features pictures of these honorees along with lists of the top players in the club, top players in each category (A, B, C, & 99ers), Mini McKenney winners, Ace of Clubs winners, Friends who have passed away, and a salute to all the volunteers who have made this club a success. Be sure to stroll down the Lane - you might discover your name on one of the rosters!

HINTS - SUPPORT DOUBLES

There are rumors that the Support Double is the alertable convention most-unalerted by players followed closely by the Drury and new-minor-forcing conventions. Support doubles were invented to let your partner know that you have 3-card support for his response of a major after interference. For instance: Your first bid is 1C, P by LHO, 1H by partner, 1S by RHO, a dbl by you (ALERT) shows a raise with 3-card support. Also, 1C, P, 1S, double, redouble (ALERT) by you also shows support with 3 cards. Normally you would raise to 2 hearts with 4-card support and pass with fewer than 3 hearts. What a wonderful amount of knowledge to impart to partner with one bid or non-bid. It also helps in case you are on defense. You may say that it also gives opponents information, but talking to your partner is more important.

To help members remember support doubles and redoubles, here are a few hints:

1. Only the **opener** can make a support double or redouble.
2. It is your chance to let partner know you have 3 pieces in case he has a five card suit.

REMINDER: The Fort Wayne Sectional is May 19-21.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
 02 Joan Tobler
 03 Shirley Soucek
 10 Dennis David
 14 Karen Nagy
 15 Joyce Sopko
 17 Fred Binder
 21 Nancy Saunders



Top Games in April

Pair Games:

149ers:	4/07	Bob Lewis & Aimee Bjornstad	67.50%
	4/07	Gloria Bates & Anita Nunemaker	53.75%
Newbies:	4/13	Judy Kearns & Judith McCullough	75.00%
	4/13	Kent Dennis & Julie Jarvis	58.33%
399ers:	4/10	Bonnita Laub & Julie Nelson	72.00%
	4/17	Bill Blauvelt & Ed Trubac	66.67%
Open:	424	C. Ben Moshe & Chris Habegger	71.06%
	4/03	Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	70.37%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday Open: John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard, & Richard Mao

MOVIN' ON UP

Junior Master: Roger Chrastil



MEMBER UPDATES

Rosemary Pollizotto New Member

PRO-AM SWISS

Mark your calendar for the Pro-Am Swiss Team - **Thursday evening, May 25th**. Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event, and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! By the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy at 6:00 PM. Certainly worth the trip! \$8 play - \$5 meal.



DIRECTOR UPDATES

the director's corner

We have been experiencing multiple issues with our Bridgmates. Many seem to require very hard pressure to show the result. It could be they are in need of cleaning, need new batteries, the members start their bridgmates before they are ready, or merely user error. Please wait until the director indicates the bridgmates are ready before starting them at the table. This will help start the game in a timely manner with no delays.

We say this often, but please call the director if there is any irregularity at your table. Calling the director ensures you and your opponents are protected. Calling the director is NOT demeaning or rude to the opponents; it merely protects both sides and the entire field

We expect the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge to be approved and enacted around the end of September. There are a number of changes to the rulings, depending on the irregularity or infraction. We will discuss this further as we get more information. If you get in the habit now of calling the director, we all will be in a better position to understand the new rulings when the new Laws are in place.

Enjoy your bridge experience at the SBBC!



Bill Searcy

Education Updates

John Killeen will continue his **Beginning Lessons** on Thursdays at 9 am. May will be **notrump** month and there will be a new format:

May 4 and 18 will be practice sessions
May 11 and 25 will be games that award points.

John's lessons will focus on notrump, and there will be an analysis of the hands afterwards.



Monday Intermediate Lessons

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present a series about

DOUBLES & THEIR VARIOUS MEANINGS

- May 1** - takeout doubles & responses
- May 8** - takeout and penalty doubles - discovering the difference
- May 15** - negative doubles - an introduction
- May 22** - Filling out the convention card and duplicate scoring with guest speaker Bill Searcy
- May 29** - Memorial Day - **no class**

Elaine's Classes



Wednesday Intermediate Lessons are at a new time **11:30AM-12:30PM**. Topic: **Finesses** - taking a finesse and defending against a finesse. Cost: \$5.00

Friday game and mini-lesson: Lesson at 2PM Topic: Competitive bidding. Game time 2:15-5PM. Cost \$7.00